

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR RAJNAGAR SAND QUARRY OF SMT. LAXMIPRIYA PRUSTY, OVER AN AREA OF 5.48 HA. IN RAJNAGAR VILLAGE, UNDER JALESWAR TAHASIL OF BALASORE DISTRICT, HELD ON 11.05.2022, AT 10.00 AM IN THE LOCALITY OF THE SAND QUARRY, NEAR SHIKHARPUR GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICE UNDER JALESWAR BLOCK OF BALASORE DISTRICT.

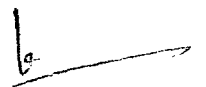
At the outset, Sri Mitrasen Majhi, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Balasore welcomed all the persons assembled in the hearing. He briefed about the EIA notification, 2006 and the objectives of the public hearing. He stated that Smt.Laxmipriya Prusty, has proposed to have environmental impact assessment for mining lease area of 5.48 ha. of Rajnagar Sand Quarry, at village Rajnagar, under Jaleswar Tahasil of Balasore District and has applied to obtain environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment , Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and carried out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study.

Publicity regarding public hearing was made in the following manners –

- Advertisements through an Odia daily “Dharitri” dated 06.04.2022 and an English daily “The Times of India” dated 06.04.2022 regarding the venue, date and time of the public hearing along with the places of availability of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report, Executive Summaries (Odia & English) and soft copy in the office of Collectorate Balasore, District Industries Centre (DIC), Balasore, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Balasore, Head Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar, Regional Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Balasore & Department of Forest & Environment, Govt. of Odisha and also in the website of State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar ([www.ospcboard.org](http://www.ospcboard.org)).

- Executive summaries along with paper clippings regarding date, time, and venue of public hearing were made available to the Shikharpur Gram Panchayat , Rajpur Gram Panchayat, Chamargaon Gram Panchayat , Baradiha Gram Panchayat, Kalma Gram Panchayat and Panchayat Samity Office, Jaleswar of Balasore district.

He requested the audience to state their opinions orally or in written, based on the environmental aspects. Then he requested the Additional District Magistrate (Revenue), Balasore, Sri Bhabesh Kumar Nayak, O.A.S. (SAG) to kindly preside and supervise the public hearing.



The Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Balasore, welcomed the people for attending the hearing with a message to the audience that they should give their comments based on the Environment related aspects. He briefed about the project and elaborated the objective of conducting public hearing in respect of any project seeking environmental clearance from the Govt. of India. Then the Regional Officer, SPCB, Balasore asked the representatives of Rajnagar Sand Quarry to give the detail description on the project.

Sri Sai Datta Das , Consultant of the Sand Quarry, presented the salient features of the project, the present status of the environmental conditions, possible impact on the environment due to execution and operational activities and the remedial measures to be undertaken by the project proponent to reduce the impact while executing the project.

He concluded that a suitable Environmental Management Plan has been formulated and would be continuously upgraded to mitigate the impact on the different components of the environment.

The Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Balasore, asked the Regional Officer SPCB, Balasore to invite the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project; specifically relating to environmental issues. About 100 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, but 48 persons signed in the attendance sheet, 22 persons registered in the deliberation sheet (out of which one person registered twice in the attendance sheet of deliberation but participated in the oral deliberation only once) and participated in the oral deliberation. 01no. of written representations was received in the hearing. The attendance sheets of audience and deliberators along with the written representations are enclosed as **Annexure-I**, **Annexure-II** and **Annexure-III** respectively.


The statements recorded are as follows.

**01.Sri Ajaya Kumar Das, Rajnagar Shikharpur.**

He addressed the gathering, showed his happiness and said that, he support the project. However he demanded that, the Sand Quarry should be operated as per the rules and regulations and care should take for the transportation road.

**02. Jhadeswar Das, Mahulia, Shikharpur.**

He welcomed the project and said that if the Sand Quarry would operated, then it would be helpful to the local people who are constructing Indira Awas. Also he added that due to non operation of sand beds since last two to three years, the development works, construction activities are getting affected due to lack of availability of Sand. Further he said that if the Sand Quarry operates with Environmental Rules and Regulations then they have no any objection.



**03. Hare Krushna Giri,Rajnagar,Shikharpur.**

He addressed the audience present in the hearing and expressed his happiness and said that ,Government should take step to give Sand Beds on lease to more lessees so that the sand should made available to the local people for construction of Indira Awas and other developmental works of the area. Further he demanded that during operation of the quarry, the road dust and the environmental problems should be addressed properly.

**04. Nishi Kanta Behera, Shikharpur.**

He addressed the gathering and said that they have no objection if the Sand quarry would operate. But he wanted to know the detailed about the mode of transportation, quantum of excavation of Sand per Day, Types of transporting vehicles and cost of the sand to be made available to the local people.

**05. Bibhuti Kumar Jena, Shikharpur**

He wanted to know the detailed about the road through which the sand to be transported, quantum of excavation of Sand per Day, types of transporting vehicles and cost of the sand to be made available to the local people.

**06. Gourahari Manik, Rajnagar.**

He registered in the attendance sheet twice but participated in the deliberation at Sl. No.18.

**07. Sumanta Giri,Shikharpur.**

He supported the project and wanted to know the transportation details proposed by the sand quarry and cost of the sand.

**08. Sudarsan Jena, Shikharpur.**

He wanted to know that whether the mining would be done manually or mechanically and if mechanical than JCB and loaders would be used for the mining activities or not. Further he wanted to know the road map of transportation of sand and safety of the road.

**09. Santosh Kumar Barik,Mathuranath.**

He supported the project and said that they have no objection for operation of the mines.

**10. Subash Chandra Das , Chakahari, Shikharpur.**

He supported the project and said that they have no objection for operation of the mines. However he wanted to know the transportation details and rate of the sand when it operates.



**11. Bidyadhar Mallik, Sarapanch, Shikharpur.**

He addressed the gathering and welcomed the conduct of the public hearing, first time in their area, and also supported the project. Further he added that sand is required to everybody, hence he requested to allow the sand quarry to operate.

**12. Rabindra Nath Giri, Rajnagar.**

He addressed the gathering and said that Sand is required to everybody, hence he support and welcome the project.

**13. Rajesh Pradhan, Jaleswar.**

He welcomed the project and said that if the sand quarry would operate, than the sand theft would be controlled. Further he wanted to know about the mode of transportation as transportation of materials through the bridge is restricted to 10 MT only. Also he wanted to know the timing of the proposed mining activities.

**14. Dinakrushna Ojha, Shikharpur.**

He wanted to know the Route map through which the proponent proposed to transport the sand, quantum of excavation of sand. Further he demanded that the proponent should take care of the safety of the transportation road.

**15. Ajay Mohanty, Sarapanch, Baradiha.**

He addressed the gathering and demanded in the hearing to lease out more and more sand bed to the lessees so that sand could be available to the locality. Further he demanded that sand should be supplied to local people in minimum rate and should not be transported to West Bengal so that poor people could get it easily for construction of Indira Awas for them.

**16. Balaram Ojha, Shikharpur.**

He addressed the gathering and the chair and opposed the project. He said that after grant of EC, the proponent would not supply sand in low cost to poor people. Further he added that sand is required to their locality but the proponent neither take step towards dust suppression nor would follow the Rules & Regulations. He wanted to know the road through which sand to be transported and demanded that if transportation would done through the road of Shikharpur, then they would strongly oppose the transportation.

**17. Basudev Das, Belbania, Shikharpur.**

He said that they have no objection if the sand quarry would operate. Further he hoped that the sand quarry should be operated so that they would get the sand.



#### **18. Gourahari Manik.**

He addressed the gathering and showed his happiness and said that since last 03 years no sand quarry is operational in their area , hence the operation of Rajnagar Sand Bed is required for Jaleswar Tahasil and local areas for development works like, construction of roads , Indira Awases and other developmental activities and they would get benefited. He welcomed the project and hoped that it would operate fulfilling all Rules and Regulation.

#### **19. Subrat Kumar Das, Chamargan.**

He addressed the gathering and showed his happiness and said that first time they are getting the scope to express their view in the personal hearing. He demanded that the rate of the sand should fixed, demarcation of the Mine Lease Area Should be done, illegality should be controlled, quarry should operated as per pollution control board guidelines, night transportation should be stopped and safety zone should maintained during mining. Lastly he welcomed the project.

#### **20. Jhuna Patra, Shikharpur.**

She apprehended that if the proponent would transport the sand through the road passing through the school area and office area there may be accident, hence she demanded that transportation should not be allowed in school road of Shikharpur.

#### **21. Bimala Patra, Shikharpur.**

She also apprehended that if the proponent would transport the sand through the road passing through the school area and office area there may be accident, hence she demanded that transportation should not be allowed in school road of Shikharpur.

#### **22. Jetendra Patra, Shikharpur.**

He said that they have no objection for the project, however he demanded that separate transportation road should allot to the Sand quarry for transportation purposes.

### **CONCLUSION:**

During the hearing, the project proponent redressed the apprehensions raised by the public. Further the Additional District Magistrate (Revenue), Balasore, & Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Balasore also discussed on issues raised by the public.

Sri Mitrasen Majhi, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Balasore & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns, expressed by

the oral deliberators. The content of the proceedings was explained to the audience in Odia and the minutes were prepared which has been ratified by the Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Balasore with the views and concerns of the deliberators.

The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of the representative of the project proponent, prepared in Odia and English Language are annexed as **Annexure-IV** and **Annexure-V** separately.

The public hearing was ended with vote of thanks by the chair.



**( Sri Mitrasen Majhi )**  
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**(Sri Bhabesh Kumar Nayak, OAS(SAG))**  
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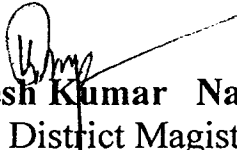
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STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF THE APPLICANT REPRESENTED BY SRI SAI DATTA DAS, CONSULTANT.
Operation of Sand Quarry as per Environmental Rules and Regulation.	On behalf of the Rajnagar Sand Quarry, Sri Sai Datta Das Consultant of the Project assured that the Sand Mining would be done as per the approved mining plan, Rules and regulations.
Dust Problem	Sri Das said that the dust problem would be controlled as per the Environmental Management Plan.
Transportation and safety and protection of Road	Sri Das assured that the proponent would take care on the safety and protection of the transportation roads.
Mode of Transportation	Sri Das said that transportation would be done by Tippers of capacity 10 MT.
Cost of the Sand	Sri Das said that the cost of the Sand would be 10 % more than the Government Rate.
Timing of Mining	Sri Das assured that, Mining and transportation would be stopped during School, College and Office time.
Restriction of Transportation during night time.	Sri Das said that the sand mining would be done as per the approved mining plan.

  
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## STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA

(Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Odisha)  
Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-751012



No. 5599/

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Date : 04.04.2022

### NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that Mrs Laxmipriya Prusty has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for Rajnagar Sand Quarry over an area of 5.48 Ha. in village Rajnagar under Jaleswar Tehsil of Balasore District to obtain Environmental Clearance from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Odisha. The proponent has applied to the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for a Public Hearing.

By virtue of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India Notification No. SO. 1533 (E) Dtd. 14.09.2006, the Board has been authorized to conduct environmental public hearing and as such invites suggestions, views, comments and objections on matters relating to environmental aspects of the proposed project from all the persons including bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at the proposed site / sites of displacement / sites likely to be affected.

For the above purpose, a person will only mean:

- Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.
- Any person who owns his control over the project with respect to which an application has been submitted for environmental clearance.
- Any association of persons whether incorporated or likely to be affected by the project and / or functioning in the field of environment.
- Any local authority within any part of whose limit is within the neighborhood, wherein the project is proposed to be located.

Persons as above who desire to submit their views, comments, objections etc. relevant to the project, may do so in writing within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice addressing the same to the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha through Registered Post. Besides this, persons interested to submit their views relevant to the proposed sand mining project in writing or orally may also do so during the public hearing to be conducted on 11-05-2022 at 10.00 A.M in the locality of the Sand Bed under Jaleswar Tahsil of Balasore District. Public Hearing shall be conducted strictly observing guidelines contained in COVID - 19 pandemic restrictions issued by the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide OM No. 22-25-IA.III, dated 09.06.2021 as well as Govt. of Odisha.

Persons desirous of participating in the public hearing may go through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) / Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the said project which will be available at the following offices. Copy of the Executive Summary both in English & Odia also available in the following offices & the same can also be downloaded from the website [www.ospcboard.org](http://www.ospcboard.org) free of cost.

- District Collector's Office, Balasore.
- District Industries Center, Balasore.
- In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Balasore.
- In the Head office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit -VIII, Bhubaneswar -12.
- Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Balasore.
- Department of Forest & Environment (Environment), Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

For any further clarification in the matter, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Balasore or the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha at Bhubaneswar may be contacted.

Sd/-  
MEMBER SECRETARY

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